

Emergency Needs Allowance

Alberta Employment and Immigration provides assistance to Albertans who have an emergency that meets the following conditions:

- the situation occurred due to unforeseeable circumstances beyond your control, and
- your situation presents a severe health risk, and
- you cannot wait until the next benefit period or
- you cannot access other resources.

The allowance may cover emergency costs of:

- food
- damage deposit
- eviction
- accommodation (such as a hotel)
- clothing (such as replacement clothing after a fire)
- child care
- transportation
- essential appliance repairs
- essential home repairs
- utility arrears if utilities are about to be disconnected

Individuals must provide proof of need, for example:

- In the case of emergency damage deposit or eviction benefits, a statement of arrears or notice of eviction must be provided.

- In the case of utility arrears, a utility bill or statement must be provided.
- Evidence from a reliable source that the item is essential, such as an unsafe wiring notice from the fire department.

How to apply as an Income Support client:

- Income Support clients should contact their worker to find out whether they qualify for these benefits.
- Complete financial information is required to confirm eligibility for emergency assistance.

If you are not an Income Support client, you must show that:

- even though you may be earning an income, the money you are earning is not enough to cover your emergency need or
- your need is a short-term emergency not longer than one month.

You will have to qualify as an income support client in order to receive an emergency benefit.

For more information:

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